

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 8:03-cr-77-T-30TBM DATE May 29, 2003

TITLE USA v. Sami Al-Arian, Sameeh Hammoudeh, Hassan Ballut, Hatim Fariz

TIME 1:35-2:40 TAPE: Recorded by VRC VCR

Honorable Thomas B. McCoun III Deputy Clerk: Sonya Cohn

Court Reporter: NA Interpreter: _____

Attorney(s) for Govt: _____ Attorney(s) for Defendant(s): _____ Defendant(s): _____

Terry Furr & Terry Zitek Don Horrox

Daniel Hernandez

Jeff Brown, Frank Louderback, & Pat Doherty

Bruce Howie

PROCEEDINGS: Discovery Conference

Mr. Al-Arian and Mr. Hammoudeh appeared via teleconference from Coleman.

Linda Wade (by phone), Automation Support Coordinator for court, addresses process of videoconferencing encryption process. Advised parties that court is in process of obtaining software to allow this.

Court addresses interim fee motions - proposed order will grant interim payments and waive fee requirements; requires district judge and 11th Circuit approval.

Court inquires into status of discovery. Mr. Horrox indicates proposed budget to AO is forthcoming. PD's office has also requested that the government provide the as much of the discovery as possible in electronic format.

Government states that it will take approximately 32 weeks to have the declassified conversations transferred into electronic format. Court states that if the government wants to do that, they can; does not believe they are required to do so.

Discovery that is available is being scanned by FPD's office so that all counsel will have access to it in electronic form. Estimates that it will take approximately 88 hours to scan all documents (11 boxes) currently available.

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Mr. Al-Arian and Mr. Hammoudeh state concerns regarding air conditions/restrictions of confinement.

Mr. Brown voices his concern regarding video conference - is not confident at this time that it is secure.